

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 364

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to commend John Walter Grubb for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, John Walter Grubb is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a counselor and educator, Mr. Grubb has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, born in Maryville, Walter Grubb holds a Master of Science degree in Counseling from California State University; he spent a substantial portion of his life in California, where he served as Principal Teacher for Riverside Christian High School, Director of Admissions and Dean of Students for California Baptist College, Licensed Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor, and Director of Advocate School; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Seymour in 1987, Mr. Grubb worked as a Licensed Marital and Family Therapist and served as Principal of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy; he continues to serve as President of Harrison-Chilhowee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grubb became President and Headmaster of The King's Academy in 1994; The King's Academy is one of three educational institutions affiliated with the Tennessee (Southern) Baptist Convention and is in its 127th consecutive year of providing college preparatory education with a biblical worldview; and

WHEREAS, believing that the acknowledgement, respect, and love of God is the beginning of wisdom, Mr. Grubb seeks to fulfill his duties as President and Headmaster according to his personal philosophy, that all should be done from a Christian perspective; and

WHEREAS, beyond his noble work with The King's Academy, Walter Grubb is an active leader in his community; he is a devout member of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, a Paul Harris Fellow and past President of the Seymour Rotary Club, and a member of the Leadership Sevier Class of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Walter Grubb's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grubb is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Grubb is grateful for the love and support he has received from his wife, Diane; their two children, Nathan and Michael; his parents, Reverend Glenn and Kathleen Grubb; and his brothers and sisters, Al, Faye, Mark, and Stan Grubb; and

WHEREAS, Walter Grubb is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend John Walter Grubb for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a counselor and educator and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.